

St. Mike's Matters

THURSDAY NOTES

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This Week's Calendar

TONIGHT Girl's B-ball Jamboree @
Evergreen - 3:30 PM

Skate Party @ Skateland!
6:30 to 8:30 PM

FRIDAY All-School Mass - 9:00 AM
All-School Book Swap
Middle School Dance
6:00 to 9:00 PM

MONDAY MMO: 4th Grade - 8:30 PM

TUESDAY Girls' B-Ball @ Pioneer -
3:30 PM

NEXT THURSDAY Girls' B-Ball vs Grapeview -
3:30 PM

Dear St. Michael Families:



I hope that you and your children are enjoying the festivities of Catholic Schools Week. This week exemplifies the strength of the parent-school partnership at St. Michael through your participation in Sunday Masses this past weekend, Open House, the Family Pizza Picnic and today's Career Fair. We had 160 parents and grandparents join us for the Family Pizza Picnic yesterday-wow! The fun of this week centers on honoring our community of faith, knowledge, and service. Since 1881, our school has existed to provide an excellent faith-based Catholic education to students in Thurston County. We carry on this legacy today through your supportive partnership with us. Thank you for entrusting us with your children in their formation as life-long learners and disciples of Jesus Christ.

Well, it is official! Through your generosity, my office is now full of school supplies for the *Académie Notre Dame à Madian* school in Haiti. It has been a joy for me to welcome students into my office with their contributions and thank them personally for their kindness towards the students of this mission school. I must say, many students take great delight in placing the school supplies on my desk, chair and even on my computer keyboard!

Our winter MAP testing for students in grades 2-8 has officially concluded and we are currently studying the scores. I am so proud of our students' perseverance through these tests during this difficult cold and flu season. As we study this winter testing data, we have learned that the Northwest Evaluation Association (NWEA) does not consider winter assessments to be an official growth point due to the limited number of instructional weeks. Rather, NWEA views these winter assessments as a useful barometer of student progress in preparation for the final MAP assessment in the spring. With this view in mind, our students will use their winter MAP results to set learning goals in preparation for spring assessments this May. Teachers will send home the winter results with the learning goals within the next few weeks to gather your signature so that you can support these important goals.

Blessings,
Connor Geraghty, Principal

Catholic Schools Week Skate Party Tonight!



**Join us at Skateland tonight
for some skating fun &
pizza!**

Let the Good Times Roll!

**Thank you to the
Charneski/Lewis family for
this generous gift.**



Time to Purchase Your Mardi Gras Tickets!

Don't forget to purchase your Mardi Gras tickets (7 for \$1).

The orange order form is enclosed in your purple packet and also attached. **Order forms must be in by Friday, February 24th.** Please return the form in a labeled envelope.

This is a wonderful opportunity for our kids to be involved in a worthwhile service project with all proceeds going to the *Académie Notre*

Dame à Madian school in Haiti. **This is an afternoon full of fun and merriment!**

School Commission Corner



The St. Michael School Commission is consultative and advisory in nature. Members meet once a month to advise and support Mr. Geraghty and Fr. Jim as they (Mr. Geraghty and Fr. Jim) form school policies to support the ongoing growth of our parish school. The St. Michael School Commission collaborates with the Pastoral Council and the Parish Finance Council and has liaisons from these councils attending the meetings.

Last evening, the St. Michael School Commission held their fifth meeting of the year. The meeting focused on the following topics:

- Principal's report featuring highlights and updates from the month of January (including a budget report, a Catholic Schools Week update, early enrollment highlights for the upcoming 2017-2018 school year, and input gathering from School Commission members regarding Kindergarten class size for next year)
- Discussion of how the Parish Grant to the School is generated

Lights, Camara HOP!

It's February and our next movie night is coming up on Friday,

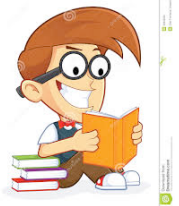
February 24th at 6:00 pm in the multipurpose room. We will be showing *HOP* and it's FREE! We will also provide popcorn for your movie enjoyment. In addition there will be concessions with pizza, juice and water. Bring a blanket and the family and spend some quality time together.

We hope to see you there! Sponsored by the PTSA.



St. Michael Parish is blessed to have Mark P. Shea coming. He will provide practical tips for living out your marriage vocation in the midst of the chaos of daily life. This is a great opportunity to refocus with your spouse and recall why you married. Child care is available upon request. Email Jacquie Farnham at jfarnham@saintmichaelparish.org by February 17 to reserve space. The last half hour provides options for individual couple interaction. Contact Elizabeth Lyons at elyons@saintmichaelparish.org for more information.

The Great St. Michael School Book Swap - TOMORROW!



- **Step 1:** Bring gently* used children's books to the library throughout Catholic Schools Week. May bring up to 5 books to swap.
- **Step 2:** Get tickets! Each book you turn in will get you one ticket that you will use to acquire books at the Book Swap!
- **Step 3:** Come to the Book Swap with your tickets on Friday afternoon (tomorrow) and get books that other students have brought! Each book will "Cost" one ticket.

* Books that have torn pages, scribbles, stains or mildew (yellow) pages will not be accepted ... sorry.